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Applications for Citizens Police Academy now accepted

LITTLE ELM (February 10, 2016) A deeper and more balanced appreciation of the work done by the Little Elm Police Department is among the goals of the fourth Citizens Police Academy, says Police Training Coordinator Officer Nicole Shaw.

“Police work can sometimes be a difficult and thankless job, and other times can be an extremely satisfying profession,” she said. “Our objective with the Citizens Police Academy is to provide a glimmer of the complexities inherent in law enforcement work.”

Applications for participation in the Citizens Police Academy are now being accepted and reviewed. Little Elm residents, owners of Little Elm businesses and people who volunteer for any of Little Elm’s various programs are given first priority for the limited spaces in the class. Outside applicants may be added if room is available. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m., Friday, March 4.

Weekly classes start on Thursday, March 17 and continue consecutively for 14 weeks, usually on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Little Elm Public Safety Building, 88 West Eldorado Parkway. Exceptions to the Thursday class schedule, usually moved to Saturdays, will be announced as the class progresses.

Participants will be exposed to a wide variety of information related to virtually every aspect of law enforcement, including the internal operations of the Department, the hiring and promotion process, Traffic Division operations, accident investigations, the use of radar and LIDAR, Patrol Division procedures, SWAT operations, and the court process.

Specialized sections will cover the School Resource Officer program, Crime Prevention, Marine Patrol, Crime Scene Investigations, along with a variety of other law enforcement tasks. Participants will have the opportunity to go to the range and fire a number of weapons, including pistol, rifle and shotgun.

Of most interest among previous attendees are “ride alongs” with on-duty officers during regular patrols to observe actual field operations.

Background checks are completed on potential attendees. As in the previous three years, seats will fill up quickly. Anyone interested in participating should download the paperwork from <http://www.littleelm.org/DocumentCenter/View/8263>, or contact Officer Genaro Delatorre at gdelatorre@littleelm.org. Officer Delatorre will reply with an application form and waiver of liability.

Application forms and waivers of liability are also available at the Little Elm Police Department during normal business hours. Questions regarding the program may be directed to Lt. Jimmy Lewis, jlewis@littleelm.org. Both the application and waiver of liability must be fully completed and received by the deadline in order to be considered.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.